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August 5, 2013

Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek
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Dear Dr. Cheek:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2013, providing notification of a joint B.S. in Audiology and Speech Pathology to be offered between the University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), effective fall 2013.

In a letter, dated August 1, 2011, the Commission accepted notification that by 2014, UTK would eliminate the undergraduate courses and degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology and the degree would be transferred to UT Health Science Center. However, there has been continued interest among undergraduate students at UTK to complete an undergraduate degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology in preparation to enter one of the graduate degree options offered through UTHSC. Therefore, anticipating the separate accreditation of UTHSC, which is currently a part of UTK, a joint undergraduate degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology has been developed.

A signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding which provides details concerning the joint degree was provided. Contact persons were listed as follows:

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A copy of the curriculum was provided. Through the joint program, undergraduates will be able to obtain a degree that prepares them for graduate study, management of the undergraduate and graduate programs will be more efficient, and tuition generated through courses taught by UTHSC faculty members will go to UTHSC. Students will be admitted to and complete three years of study in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at UTK to meet general education and pre-major requirements. At the end of their junior year they will apply to and, if admitted, transfer in their senior year to the College of Allied Health at UTHSC to complete courses in audiology and speech pathology. Students will remain at the UTK campus where the Audiology and Speech Pathology graduate programs are located.

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We accept notification that, effective fall 2013, the University of Tennessee Knoxville and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (currently a part of the University of Tennessee Knoxville) will offer a joint B.S. degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology and request no further information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht, Associate Vice Chancellor
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